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# Office Action Summary

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Examiner

**Frantzy Poinvil**

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**2768**



☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Apr 11, 2000

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

## Disposition of Claim

☒ Claim(s) 1-42 is/are pending in the applicat

Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration

☒ Claim(s) 2 is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 6-12, 15-17, 23-25, 32, 33, and 37-42 is/are rejected.

☒ Claim(s) 4, 5, 13, 14, 18-22, 26-31, and 34-36 is/are objected to.

☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

## Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☒ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

## Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 3, 6-12, 15-17, 23-25, 32, 33 and 39-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cree et al (US Patent No. 4,866,611).

As per claims 1, 3 and 6-11, Cree et al discloses a system and method for automatically reconciling entries on two copies of independently maintained electronic calendars. Note the abstract. The system comprises a memory and a processor and means for entering first and second ordinal information including an ordinal interval. Note column 29, lines 24-64. Cree et al teaches reconciling the two ordinal information. Note column 31, line 45 to column 32, line 22.

Constructing at least one list having a selected one of the ordinals is not explicitly taught by Cree et al. The Examiner interprets this limitation as changing a calendar's setting to 15 or 30 minute time intervals. In so doing a user would have been able to insert a free time slot in a given hour time slot of a different calendar in which a meeting was set to last less than one hour but having occupied the entire hour slot. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to construct a list having a selected one of the ordinal interval in the system of Cree et al in order to

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As per claims 39-42, when an hour time period has been reconfigured into four distinct time slots, reconciliation of the two calendar would have been made by a user by transferring data or events from one of the tables or information set into an available time slot.

3. Claim 2 is allowable over the art of record.

Claims 4, 5, 13-14, 18-22, 26-31 and 34-36 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantzy Poinvil, whose telephone number is (703) 305-9779. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

The fax phone number for this Art Unit is (703) 305-0040.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.  
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